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The [REDACTED] produced the following results:

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a. [REDACTED] does not know if maps were maintained in the planning section, nor does he know if topographic maps were used by the Telephone Company.

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b. There was close liaison between the Telephone Company and the Institutul Geografic Militar, but [REDACTED] could supply no additional details.

c. The Rumanian telephone and telegraph systems have been unified since 1949. They were under the direction of Mil. Farsirotu.

d. The following towns now have automatic exchanges:

- (1) Bucharest
- (2) (Brasov) Stalin
- (3) Bacau
- (4) Timiscara
- (5) Cluj
- (6) Constanta
- (7) Craiova
- (8) Iasi

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All the above towns are regional headquarters for the telephone system in Rumania. [REDACTED] states that the larger towns within these regions also have automatic exchanges.

e. The overwhelming percentage (i.e. 95 per cent) of the load of the Rumanian network is carried by overhead wires.

f. Underground cable installations are currently underway between Bucharest and Ploesti. Underground cables between the Government offices and the Party headquarters inside Bucharest are also being constructed; this is being done in the greatest of secrecy. The secrecy is so strict that even the directorate of the Telephone Company does not know of the complete network plans.

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- 25X1X g. The Rumanian telephone system is well maintained. Many new lines have been added in the past year on the Bucharest-Stalin (Brasov)-Constanta and Timisoara circuits. [REDACTED] could add no details.
- 25X1X h. The telephone equipment now in use in Rumania was (and is being) imported from Hungary, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union. Rumania is not manufacturing its own equipment.
- 25X1X i. [REDACTED] does not know if the Soviets monitor any portion of the Rumanian telephone network. He believes that the Soviets have their own telephone system.
- 25X1X j. [REDACTED] had no information (other than that mentioned in paragraph f) concerning the separation of Government and Party telephone lines.
- 25X1X k. [REDACTED] could not answer the question concerning the People's Police or SMA communications in Rumania.
- 25X1X l. In Caracal during January 1950, large quantities of cables were found on the banks of the river near that town. These cables were for use under the river. The discovery caused a sensation in the Bucharest Telephone Company which had not known of its prior existence. [REDACTED] could supply no additional information concerning these cables.

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